

Dear FCC and Michael Powell,

I strongly oppose any change to regulations that create an environment in which single entities can own more than the currently allowed amount of media outlets, be that on the city, state, or national level. I also oppose allowing ownership of multiple media types in a single market. The FCC has the responsibility to see that airwaves of all kinds are used to the best advantage of the public. I desire a situation in which media ownership is diffuse so as to allow the highest possible amount of viewpoints to be presented. Allowing single entities to hold ownership over an increasing amount of outlets inevitably leads to homogenization of viewpoints. We see that in a strong decrease of distinct owners of radio stations since the 1996 Telecommunications Act, which has allowed companies like Clear Channel to purchase multiple stations in single markets and they have done so in multiple markets. Since the onset of our Attack on Iraq the Clear Channel stations provide news at times from the "Clear Channel News Service." My issue is that if multiple stations in my town and all across the country are hearing the exact same reporting viewpoint we are unable to develop our own critical opinions. I fear the making rules regarding media ownership any more lax will only create this undesirable situation much worse. Also, it would conflict with the FCC's stipulated task of regulating the media in our nation to the benefit and education of the populous.